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Applicant(s): Ronald S. STEELMAN et al.)

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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In response to the Office Action dated 9 April 2002, please amend the above identified to the follows: application as follows:

Please cancel claims 43-44

Remarks

The Office Action dated 9 April 2002 has been received and reviewed. Claims 48-44 have been cancelled. The pending claims are claims 20-31, 34-42, and 45-66. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

Specification Objection

The specification was objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter with respect to claim 31. Applicants traverse this objection.

Claim 31 was submitted with the application as filed. At a minimum, therefore, the claim